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Applicant: Richard Anthony Godwin SMITH *et al.*

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Title: CONJUGATES OF SOLUBLE PEPTIDIC COMPOUNDS WITH
MEMBRANE-BINDING AGENTS

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2002 (Paper No. 13). Please amend the captioned application as set forth below. Applicants petition for a three-month extension, petition for any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, paragraph 2, line 10: Please amend as follows:

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Membrane binding has been found to be associated with limited (single-site) modification with fatty acyl groups when combined with a cluster of basic amino acids in the protein sequence which may interact with acidic phospholipid head groups and provide the additional energy to target membrane binding. This combination of effects has been termed the 'myristoyl-electrostatic switch' (S.McLaughlin and A.Aderem, TIBS, 20,272-276, 1994; J.F.Hancock *et al*, Cell, 63, 133-139,1990). Thus, a further example of suitable membrane binding elements are basic amino acid sequences such as those found in proteins such as